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THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

It has been, with this Thirty-Third Issue, eight years since NCNA Heads and Tales began publishing, and in these past eight years, much of Your Editor's initial idealistic hopes for this poor claim at numismatic journalism have long been disposed of to the rubbish heap of dashed dreams. However, regardless of this forging upon the anvil of reality, Your Editor remains confirmed both to his personal intense enthusiasm for our hobby and with his firm convictions as to what it should be.

First, investment should be made and kept secondary to the joy of just collecting. Realizing that economic turbulence of the past two decades coupled with numismatics consistently being a leading investment and income opportunity, such a statement sounds noble but is simply impractical. What must be insisted, regardless, is that the whole world and science of numismatics, since its first beginnings centuries ago, is a hobby first. To attract new hobbyists and retain those disillusioned, we all must always confirm both in word and deed that first and foremost numismatics is and will always be a hobby.

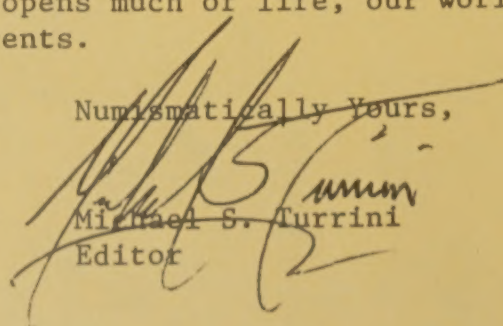
Second, the foundation of the coin hobby remains the local coin clubs. It is not with national or regional multi-day conventions nor attending big-time media promoted auctions. Neither is it subscribing to periodicals and being an armchair hobbyist. Rather, as Your Editor as often written before, it is at the local level that our hobby is best: that opportunity one or twice or more a month to be with and to enjoy, to learn, and to relax together with fellow hobbyists from one's own community.

Third, the future of the coin hobby cannot be enhanced nor made better with a United States Mint commemorative coinage policy that lacks reason and which is governed by the whim of the United States Congress drunk with its Constitutional powers over coinage. It is now inevitable that commemorative coinages have begun down an endless path, marked and curbed by numerous issues of multiple demoninations and mint marks. While at the same time, no clear effort has been initiated for a coherent national policy on such coinages.

Fourth, in a world rapidly changing and with the ever quickening pace of life, our hobby still offers a respite from the mundane cruelty of living. As a hobby first and foremost, it is recreation, and as such an important means in good health. One has yet to get sick from collecting coins or have to take two aspirins after putting a new find into a 2x2 flip, although driving the Golden Gate Bridge, the so-called world's most beautiful bridge, at 7:30am would quickly guarantee both immediately. As a means to relax, to be with others, and to learn, the coin hobby remains with few equals.

As I now start, hopefully, my ninth year, these few reflections are but a few of my thoughts at this milestone. Maybe they are common to others, or maybe, and most likely, only my narrow reflections of our coin hobby. Whatever, the world of coins, this coin hobby, still enthralls and ignites me for in the final analysis, regardless of its troubles or my complaints, it still opens much of life, our world, the past, and hopes of tomorrow to its dedicated adherents.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NEWS FLASH!!!!

Changed Dates for 1989 Coin Show and Exposition

The 28th Annual Coin Show and Exposition has been rescheduled, due to renovation at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, to July 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1989, Thursday thru Sunday.

Needless to say, this date change was mandatory, because of the Hotel's construction work. This year's Coin Show and Exposition will be a three and half-day event with Thursday being the set-up day. All other details for the Coin Show and Exposition remain unchanged.

The Bourse Coordinator will again be:

Ron Miller
Fremont Coin Gallery
3769 Peralta Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94536
415-792-1511

The Coin Show Committee consists of: Bourse, Ron Miller and Ed Sins; Publicity, Constance Perham, Ed Sins, and Robert Mish; Registration, Lillian Hooker; Security, Ron Miller and Robert Mish, and Dealer Assistance, Moses Reis.

NEWS FLASH!!!

Changed Location for 1990 Coin Show and Exposition

At long last, a new site has been selected for the annual NCNA Coin Show and Exposition: the 1990 29th Annual Coin Show and Exposition will be at the San Francisco Airport Marriot Hotel in Burlingame on July 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1990, Thursday thru Friday. Although NCNA has committed itself to these dates and this new site, the actual confirmation will be decided later.

President Robert Mish hopes that this year's Coin Show and Exposition will be the last held at the long familiar Cathedral Hill Hotel and that the Marriot Hotel will prove a desirable new location in 1990 and future years.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Is April 30, 1989, Sunday, at the Vallejo Coin Show. Meeting will start after 3:00pm in the Green Room. All Coin Clubs are urged to send a Voting Delegate to this Meeting. The Vallejo Coin Show will be held at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at North Camino Alto, Vallejo.

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Coin Show Coordination

Again, it is reported that Ron Miller, NCNA's First Vice-President, remains willing to act as a clearinghouse and information source for local coin club coin shows within northern California, hoping as such to assist in scheduling dates and avoiding conflicts. Coin Club are urged to contact him at his business, address and telephone listed on previous page.

Correction

Edward Sins wrote to note that the previously reported mintage for Los Gatos Coin Club 25th Anniversary medals/silver rounds was in error; the actual total was 70, not 67 as reported. To clarify, Los Gatos had 70 minted with 67 to individual orders and 3 for the Club.

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Proof Strikes: Special Recognition

Two Coin Clubs Celebrate Important Anniversaries

The Redwood Empire Coin Club (RECC) of Santa Rosa and the Vallejo Numismatic Society (VNS) in March and April are celebrating their milestone anniversaries: for the RECC its Fortieth (40th) and for the VNS its Thirty-Fifth (35th)

March is the Anniversary month for the RECC which is now forty, 1949-1989. Your Editor has heard that the RECC plans a dinner to commemorate this event later in either September or October; however, no details seem to have been decided at this time.

April is the Anniversary month for the VNS which is now thirty-five, 1954-1989. The VNS will commemorate this Anniversary at a combined Anniversary Banquet and 'Lincoln Cent Celebration', this year being the Eightieth Anniversary, 1909-1989, for the lowly Lincoln Cent, on August 11, 1989, Friday evening starting at 7:45pm, at Jonesy's Famous Steak House, Napa County Airport, on Airport Road at Hwys 12 and 29, halfway between Vallejo and Napa on Hwy 29. This Banquet, a dual event for both the Society and the Lincoln Cent, will include door prizes, table gifts, a formal program, displays, plus a drawing with the top prize, being the 'Lincoln Cent Celebration', a circulated 1909S VDB. (Yes, you read it right, a 1909S VDB.) In addition, each person attending will receive a limited mintage commemorative medallion in copper valued at \$3.00. The highlight of this dual anniversary affair will be an address by Dr. Fred Stripp, 'Lincoln At Gettysburg'. Dr. Stripp, writer, retired Professor, community activist, and renowned orator, previously spoke at the VNS's 'Jefferson Nite' to outstanding reviews. His oration is worth the entire cost of attending. Dinners are \$15.00 per person in advance, and seating is limited to 75 total. For Reservations, write to: "Vallejo Numismatic Society, PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA, 94590".

NCNA extends its Best Wishes to both groups.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Fremont Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Peninsula Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Livermore Valley Coin Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
San Jose Coin Club

Fremont Coin Club Recently held its Annual Installation Banquet last January 14th at the Fremont Inn at which "the familiar voice of DON EHLERS called out the Bingo Numbers. Everyone had a good time". The February 14th Meeting heard local Bay Area numismatist DAVID W. LANGE give an interesting program on Coin Albums. August 20, 1989 will be the date for this year's FCC's Annual Coin Show at the Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont.

Delta Coin Club Seventy-three people attended the DCC's Annual Banquet last January 13th: "Seems that the raviolis were favored by the majority as well as the as the other food items. AND, the talk of the evening was the delicious cream cake with a lemon filling decorated with an oversize One Dollar Federal Reserve Note Series 1985. The decorator went so far to even include Serial Numbers and Signatures of Ortega and Baker." SYD KASS, DCC's Newsletter Editor, does provide in the monthly Issues a summary of the gold and silver prices for the previous four or five weeks. This is a nice gesture and helpful aid to the readers. Other coin club periodicals might try to do the same or like.

Fresno Numismatic Society The Fresno Numismatist Editor JOHN M. PETERS admitted in the January Issue that he "rob a fellow newsletter writer's phrase, 'An Editor's Prerogative'" which is Your Editor's uncopyrighted by-line title. The 1989 FNS Officers are: BILL FEBUARY, President; PHIL PLETTNER, Vice-President' DICK BARR, Treasurer, and RUTH PHILLIPS, Secretary. These Officers were installed at the Society's Annual Installation Banquet last January 10th held at Fresno's Outpost Restaurant. Out-going President

ANDY KOSIERIS was presented a plaque for his two years of service, "it was ANDY's desire when he first came into office to make community efforts, and we certainly attained that goal. ANDY, thank you for a job well-done".

Peninsula Coin Club The PCC is attempting to compile a complete and correct listing of all its Past Presidents. Names listed below are what is known to date:

1954--Bill Attinger	1971-72--Roy Hill*
1955--Ralph Zimmerman (April to October)	1973-74--Rich Douglas
1956--Roy Hill* (October to April)	1975-76--Fred G. van den Haak
1956--Stanley Blois*	1977--Dan Shattuc
1957--William Mackey*	1978-79--Dick Tinney
1958--Bert C. Jacobs	1980--Burns Searfoss
1959--Walter Morris	1981--Jim Southward
1960--John Fies	1982-83--Brian Jerich
1961--Unknown (?)	1984-87--Xan Chamberlain
1962-64--Harold Moberg*	1988--Bob Keegan
1965-66--Charles. W. Ish*	
1967--Torben Lindstrom	
1968--Tom Boyce	
1969-70--Ray Erkson*	

* Known/Presumed Deceased

Anyone who has additional information, corrections, or updates as to a person's current status are welcome to write to: "FRED G. VAN DEN HAAK, PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA, 94306-0484". Recent PCC Meeting Themes have been: January 9th, Odd Denominations, February 13th, Copper Coins, and March 13th, Tokens.

Napa Valley Coin Club Had its President JIM ELAM present the ANA videotape on Counterfeit and Altered Coins at its January 15th Meeting. GENE FEIERSTEIN, Editor of the NVCC's Napa Valley Numismatic Notes, presented a similiar videotape on Grading United States Coins at the February 15th Meeting. The February 1st evening found the NVCC Officers holding the First Annual Board Dinner at the well-known Napa County Airport Restaurant, Jonesy's. It was reported to the members that "you too can get a free dinner next year--but only if you're a Board Member". Among upcoming NVCC Meeting events are: May 17th, Third Annual Silver Night; July 19th, First Annual Silver Dollar Night; September 20th, Second Annual Old-Timer's Night, and December 20th, Third Annual Gold Night.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Writes that its 1989 Officers, elected at the January 25th Meeting, are: DON HOMESLEY, President; SYD PERLMAN, Vice-President, and HELEN ROBERTS, Treasurer/Acting Secretary. The RECC now meets on the Fourth Wednesday evening of each month at the Orchard Park Community Center, 1945 Piner Road at Marlowe Road, Santa Rosa. Recent RECC Meeting speakers have been: January 25th, BEN ALLIN, Chinese Shoe Money, and February 22nd, JOE PIA, Golden Gate International Exposition. The date for the RECC's 22nd Annual Coinarama will be October 8, 1989, Sunday, at the Veterans' Mem-

orial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, San Rosa. The Bourse Coordinator will be: "BILL FEIST, PO Box 2811, San Rosa, CA, 95405-0811".

Livermore Valley Coin Club Has begun 1989 with a series of talks by local coin dealers: BOB HALLUM, RON MILLER, and SKIP, whose last name nor business name was not reported. The recent March 5th LVCC Coin Show had a unique means of promotion: "MARY DIETRICH driving around Livermore in her 1930 Ford with a sign on it advertising the Show". The February 21st Meeting had the slide program titled 'United States Coins in Silver and Copper', and the March 21st Meeting had the slide program 'Coins of the Pagan Roman Empire'. The LVCC meets on the Third Tuesday starting at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room of the Livermore Public Library.

Greater Houston Coin Club Writes that it had at its recent 32nd Annual Money Show the youngest Exhibitor known, JASON ROSS, age 5, who displayed his 'My Dinosaur Collection'. JASON prepared his exhibit with medallions that came from a Post Cereal promotion, named Fruity Pebbles, and he included in his exhibit models of the dinosaurs shown on the medallions. Using as a background black and yellow construction paper, JASON borrowed an Allstate case from his father, RALPH ROSS, who is Youth Chairman for both the GHCC and Texas Numismatic Association (TNA). A photo of little JASON proudly viewing his exhibit was published in the GHCC's March Double Shift. Your Editor extends his Best Wishes to JASON at both his collecting and future exhibiting. The GHCC meets on the Third Thursday evening in St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 1353 Witte Road, Houston. Northern California coin clubs are encouraged to exchange their newsletters/bulletins with this Club; write to: "GHCC, PO Box 2963, Houston, Texas, 77001".

Reno Coin Club Elected its 1989 Officers; they are: RUSTY KING, President, BERNIE MASTROIANNI, Vice-President, JUNE BLACK, Secretary, and ED HOFFMAN, Treasurer. It was reported in the January Reno Coin Club Newsletter that "a near riot broke out at the December Meeting of the RCC. Should we start a monarchy and choose a King, or should we continue by electing a President? The matter was settled when Rusty King was elected to the Presidency. Tory factions have all moved to California to try to establish a kingdom". The new Editor is LOU COLES who has taken over from award-winning previous Editor DOUGLAS MCDONALD. She has begun a new feature of short articles with photos of RECC's members and local coin dealers; among those reported to date are: LARRY DEMANGATE plus NATE and PAT YOUELL. It was further reported that NATE is an active collector of Railroad Tie-Date Nails which he has in the past given a program on and now "offered to provide any birthdates at 50¢ each". NATE, I could us 19--. Forget it, Your Editor never reveals his age. But, do write; maybe we can do some trading as Your Editor also actively collects Tie-Date Nails.

Solano Silver Round Club Will meet at its Annual Gathering this April 30th at the 17th Annual Vallejo Coin Show starting at 1:00pm in the Green Room of Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park,

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Tuolumne Street at North Camino Alto, Vallejo. This Annual Open Meeting will include drawings, Show 'n Tell talks, and the guest speaker DAVID W. LANGE talking on 'Designing A Medal'. All silver enthusiasts are invited to this Meeting. The SSRC has just begun accepting orders for its First Issue of its planned seven year Series of silver rounds, the Second World War Fiftieth Anniversary Silver Round Series. The total mintage set annually with each Issue's total prepaid Orders. These silver rounds will be one ounce .999 fine silver and unnumbered. This First Issue, 1989, will be available by September and recognize the Opening of the Second World War. Price is \$18.00 postpaid. Remit Orders with prepayment in full made out to 'Solano Silver Round Club', and mail same to: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA, 94590". Ordering Deadline is June 1, 1989. No Exceptions!!!

Gateway Coin Club Its 1989 Officers are: JOEL ANDERSON, President; JOHN HOFMANN, Vice-President, BELINDA WILSON, Secretary, and BILL JONES, Treasurer. The GCC's Annual Coin and Stamp Show will be this June 10 and 11, 1989, Saturday and Sunday. No times nor location plus activities for this coin show have been reported. In the February Issue was a complete listing of the GCC's Meeting dates, programs, plus local area coin shows, all presented neatly on a separate page for easy reference or posting. Nice idea that could be repeated by other coin clubs. February 2nd Meeting was GCC's annual Other Hobbies Night; however, no listing of who and what has been reported. The Dog-Eat-Dog Contest at the February 16th Meeting "was close; top three vote-getters were: First, BRAD BRISCO, Prize Winner, Second, DOODLES WILSON, and Third, CATHY HOFMANN." The March 2nd Meeting had a new idea called 'Member Presentation': "the idea behind that was to get an occasional member to give a bit-longer talk, perhaps 5 to 15 minutes, on something of interest from his own collecting, dealings, re-searching, or whatever". How did it go, GCC?

Cupertino Coin Club Held at its January 6th Meeting the 'Ugly Dog Contest': "Its a Contest to display and brag about your ugliest, scrougiest, rattiest, or worst coin, medal, paper money, or ex-onumia that you have". Participants "and their mongrels were": KEN BARR, Ugly Lodi Naitonal Bank Note, DON BARSI, Sick 1883 Philadelphia Medal, NATHAN MILLER, Horrible 1943 Steel Cent Remains, JEREMY FRIEDENTHAL, Yucky Indian Cent Maybe, RON ISHIZAKI, Gross Martha Washington Silver Certificate, and BRUCE HARRISON, Attrocious Holey Washington Quarter; the winners were: Ugliest of the Ugly: BRUCE HARRISON, Not So Ugly, JEREMY FREIDENTHAL, and Not So Ugly, NATHAN MILLER. It was noted that the last two "poochs were tied for Second Place". Exhibit winners at the February 25th and 26th 19th Annual Coin Show were: Best of Show, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Nevada Gaming Tokens, First Adult Award, AL LO, United States Wartime Cents & Nickels, Second Adult Award, KATHERINE RAY, O'Connor Hospital 89ers, First Youth Award, TOMMY CAROLAN, The Presidents on 1977 Circulating United States Coins, Second Youth Award, KELLY CAROLAN, The Eight Different United States 1982 Cents, and Third Youth Award, MICHAEL BAER, In God

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We Trust. The speaker at the February 3rd Meeting was DEAN SODERSTROM on World Trade Dollars in which "he covered the definition of trade dollars, their history, and showed examples of the many types of trade dollars".

Diablo Numismatic Society Its 1989 Officers are: MAURICE ORTIZ, JR., President, STAN TURRINI, Vice-President, STEWART HUCKABY, Secretary, and MIKE STANLEY, Treasurer. MANY EZIDRO, long-time DNS member and booster, was bestowed at the February 16th Meeting a plaque in appreciation of his long service to the DNS and as Editor of the DNS' Diablo Die Break. The new Editor is JUDY ORTIZ. Also at the February 16th Meeting, STAN TURRINI talked on The Carnegie Medal. The March 16th Meeting had both MAURICE ORTIZ, JR. and MAURICE ROSE talking on Slabbed Coins.

San Francisco Coin Club Reports that its 1989 Officers are: HANS HANSSON, President, TOM KELLY, Vice-President, MONA VERZI, Secretary, and MIKE STANLEY, Treasurer. DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN spoke on Galapagos Coinage at the January 24th Meeting, and TOM KELLY talked on Coin Grading at the February 28th Meeting. STAN TURRINI rescheduled is Carnegie Medal talk to the March 28th Meeting. The Third Annual Greater Bay Area Coin Show, jointly sponsored by both the San Francisco Coin Club and Alameda Coin Clubs, will be this September 10, 1989 at the Oakland Hyatt.

Fairfield Coin Club Reelected its 1988 Officers for 1989; they are: JOE SIROIS, President, STAN TURRINI, Vice-President, JAN HENKE, Secretary, and MOSES REIS, Treasurer. Upcoming events for the FCC will be: March 22nd, 16th Anniversary Celebration with STAN TURRINI talking on The Carnegie Medal, April 26th, Other Hobbies Night, May 24th, Annual May Pot-Luck with both RON MILLER as speaker and ten (10) 1/10 ounce gold Eagles as drawing prizes, June 28th, the Second Annual George Flannagan Memorial Auction, July 26th, Hawaii Night with a Luau Cook-Out plus only Hawaiian Coins as drawing prizes, and August 23rd, Hot-Dog Night. Now, what coin club can claim a better schedule of events?

Vallejo Numismatic Society Heard RAY COSTA, local stamp authority, and JUDY FURLOG, Director of the Vallejo Naval and Historic Museum, present a slide illustrated talk on Vallejo's Past at the March 1st Meeting. February 1st Meeting had slides titled 'Coin Characteristics' which was presented by STAN TURRINI and highly received as both educating and enjoyable. The 17th Annual Vallejo Coin Show will be this April 30, 1989, Sunday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at North Camino Alto, Vallejo. Admission is Free, and there is ample free parking and easy access to the Center. The 1989 Vallejo Coin Show will feature a forty-plus table Bourse, Exhibits, free woods and coin newspapers, Information and Youth Table, an seventeen prized All Gold Coin Drawing, refreshments, collector meetings, and more. As already noted elsewhere in this Issue, both the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) and the quarterly Meeting of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) Board of Directors will be

held during this year's Vallejo Coin Show. The Vallejo Numismatic Society will later this year celebrate its Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary, 1954-1989, and a request is made for all former members and Officers to contact the Society at "PO Box 4281, Vallejo, CA, 94590".

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society The 1989 PCNS Officers are: DAVID W. LANGE, President, HERB MILES, Vice-President, FRANK STRAZZARINO, Secretary, and DON T. THRALL, Treasurer. Recent PCNS speakers have been: January 25th, DAVID W. LANGE, 'Bank Notes of the Philippines Under United States Administration', February 22nd, STEPHEN M. HUSTON, 'Medieval Coinages of Western Europe', and March 29th. HERB MILES, 'United States Bank Notes, 1861-1923'. The November 30th Meeting had thirteen Show 'n Tellers: O.L. WALLIS, DR. HOWARD C. LONSDALE, RICK WEBSTER, KEN BARR, FRANK STRAZZARINO, MATTHEW ROCKMAN, GROVER CAGLE, GORDON DONNELL, DR. PAUL HOLTZMAN, DAVID CIENIEWICZ, STEPHEN M. HUSTON, HERB MILES, and DAVID W. LANGE.

San Jose Coin Club Again, reminds fellow coin hobbyists that its has been meeting on the Second Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, Post 318, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose. The new President for the SJCC is RON MILLER, taking over from TIM ARCHER, who after serving twenty-one months as the SJCC President, resigned due an important career advancement and relocation. It was noted the SJCC extended its "best wishes to TIM in his new position and thank him for his dedicated efforts as Club President during the past twenty-one months. To RON, we offer our condolences, reminding him that it would have happened in April anyway".